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AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BONN, NICHOLAS HENDERSON, SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN BERLIN, ASKED TO SEE ME LAST NIGHT URGENTLY TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEA IN WEST BERLIN.

AMBASSADOR HENDERSON SAID HE WAS DISTURBED BY THE BRITISH (BONN) EMBASSY'S REPORT CONCERNING THE AMERICAN POSITION PRESENTED TO THE BONN GROUP YESTERDAY (JULY 31). HE WAS PARTICULARLY BOTHERED BY THE INDICATION THAT WHILE THE AMERICAN SIDE COULD DISCUSS TEXT OF POSSIBLE PROTEST TO SOVIETS ON ISSUE, IT COULD TAKE NO POSITION AT THAT TIME ON DELIVERY OF PROTEST NOTE. (THAT POINT NOW OVERTAKEN BY STATE 167039).

3. AS FAR AS PROPOSED AMERICAN TEXT CONCERNED, AMBASSADOR
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HENDERSON SAID IT SEEMED TOO WATERED DOWN TO HAVE DESIRED

IMPACT AT THIS TIME. HE WAS STRONGLY OF THE VIEW THAT TOO MUCH HAD HAPPENED SINCE JULY 25 FOR WESTERN POWERS TO SAY AS LITTLE AS THE U.S. WAS SUGGESTING. HE FELT THE SOVIETS THUS FAR WOULD ONLY BE IMPRESSED BY SEEMING WAVERING AND INDECISION IN WESTERN RANKS, AND PROPOSED AMERICAN TEXT IN PRESENT FORM MIGHT LEND SUPPORT TO SUCH INTERPRETATION.

4. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO BOTHERED BY REFERENCE IN AMERICAN TEXT TO FQP. REFERENCE SEEMED TO IMPLY A READINESS TO MOVE TO FOUR POWER CONSULTATION WHICH HE CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE AND UNDERSIRABLE. IN HIS JUDGMENT WESTERN POWERS COULD ONLY COME OUT WEAKER IF THEY YEILDED TO PRESSURES FROM WHATEVER SOURCE FOR FOUR POWER CONULTATION AT THIS TIME. HE SAID AS A MATTER OF FACT HE HAD JUST DISCUSSED THIS VERY POINT WITH MAYOR NEUBAUER. LATTER CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION THAT SOVIETS WOULD PRESS FOR SUCH CONSULTATION, HOPING TO OBTAIN WESTERN COMMITMENT NOT MERELY TO A STABILIZATION OF THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN BUT RATHER TO ITS REDUCTION. GIVEN FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES' VIEWS ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, NEUBAUER WAS CONCERNED THAT SOVIETS MIGHT EASILY OBTAIN WHAT THEY WERE SEEKING. FOR THESE REASONS, BERLIN SENAT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO FOUR POWER CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME AND INTENDED TO CONVEY THAT VIEW TO BONN. (MAYOR NEUBAUER SAID AS MUCH TO THE MISSION'S NEW POLAD WHEN THE LATTER PAID A COURTESY CALL ON JULY 30.)

5. AMBASSADOR HENDERSON REQUESTED THAT I PASS HIS VIEWS ON, NOTING TOO THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH LONDON AND HE AND FOREIGN OFFICE WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

6. AMBASSADOR HENDERSON ALSO SAID HE PLANNED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER LATER THIS AFTERNOON IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN TO BONN. KLEIN

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